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Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 4:18 PM
Subject: Broadcast ownership rules

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I respectfully urge you not to relax the ownership rules that now prevent monopolies of these services. Past experience has shown that private monopolies can become selectively restrictive. One thing that we do not need in our current environment is the loss of the variety of opinion now available to the public. Corporate monopoly of a city or region will not promote the multiplicity of viewpoints that is necessary to the formation of unbiased opinion. Thank you.

Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary

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From: Billy Moore
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7:26 AM
Subject: Broadcasting Ownership

Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein
Dear Mr. Commissioner

Mr. Commissioner

As a citizen, I am asking that you not relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect us from media monopolies.

As am a member of National Rifle Association I realize that some would stop our right to purchase time, for the anti-gun lobbyist would have only their voice heard! So, I urge you to keep the broadcast available to all and allow both sides an issue to be heard. It seems to me that democracy and our freedom in the U.S.A. demands such. So, please do not relax the broadcast ownership.

Sincerely,

Billy Moore

From: S J
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7:30 AM
Subject: broadcast ownership rules

The Honorable Jonathan S Adelstein, Commissioner

Commissioner Adelstein:

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The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protections that, for decades, have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Ms. SJ Howard

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From: Kailee909@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7 36 AM
Subject: FCC Broadcast Ownership

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Sincerely,

Stephen L. Jenkins
Bogalusa LA 70427

From: Chris Horak
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7:46 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Honorable Board Members,

Like many citizens, I urge you not to relax broadcast ownership rules in the interest of a free and open market place, and to protect us from the possibility of media monopolies

Certain proposed changes in ownership rules could allow larger media owners to gain near control of many radio and television stations, allowing them to have an undue influence on how news is disseminated throughout our communities. Several of these media companies that are currently lobbying for these changes have historically attempted to keep viewpoints not their own off the air.

Freedom of speech is one of the basic cornerstones of this country's foundation. Without the ability to hear all viable viewpoints, we as a people and nation suffer. With this said, I urge each of you to continue to support the broadcast ownership rules that have for quite some time ensured that each of us has the right to speak about and listen to the viewpoints and opinions that make this a great democracy.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Christopher C. Horak, JD
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From: Landschenk@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7:46 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies. These proposed changes would pave the way for limiting information available through radio and television news across the nation. For the sake of our democracy and freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast protections that, for decades, have helped ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,
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Forest Hill Md., 21050
landschenk@aol.com

From: Kenney W. Russell
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7:51 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Adelstein,

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Sincerely,

Kenney W. Russell
44 Harlow Hill Road
Turner, ME 04282-3525

From: Roy M Kaufelt
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 7:58 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Adelstein:

I understand the Rules of Broadcast Ownership are to be reviewed. I request that NO CHANGES to the broadcast ownership rules be made. The current ownership rules prevent major media giants from gaining control of all media markets. Such ownership will lead to the suppression of opposing viewpoints and weaken our democracy and ultimately our freedoms.

Thank you,
Roy Kaufelt

From: Carl Harris
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, kjmwebb@fcc.gov, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 8:11 AM
Subject: News Media

Dear Sir

I urge you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies

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Sincerely,
Carl Harris

From: James Terrell
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 8:12 AM
Subject: Media Monopolies

Dear Mr Adelstein,

I'm asking you to NOT enable media giants to be able to procure and therefore control media outlets in a city, region or state.

A debate is currently underway discussing freedom of speech. Individuals who have used their access and celebrity status have made statements carried nationwide for and against the recent Battle of Iraq. As a result of their statements, some of these people have lost income and are complaining about the reaction their words have caused. The real issue is not the backlash against celebrity's statements that has occurred, but the freedom to state their opinions. Wouldn't it be a tragedy if these people could not gain access to media because the management of the television, radio or newspaper did not agree with the people's views?

The country needs the ability to have free and open access to the media to express the peoples' views. I believe free and open access will not occur if a few major corporations control the media outlets.

Please vote against any rule or regulation that would allow monopolies to be formed.

Sincerely,

James M Terrell
Vienna, VA 22180

From: Steven Brightwell
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 8:16 AM
Subject: Broadcast ownership rules

I am opposed to relaxing the broadcast ownership rules protecting Americans from media monopolies! If this is allowed to occur those individuals in charge of just a few media companies could decide which viewpoints to allow on the air and which viewpoints to censor. We know that even under the current rules/system that this has already happened. If the proposed rule changes are enacted it would give the media conglomerates far greater powers to keep opposing views off the air and out of the newspapers.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Brightwell DDS

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From: Eric Travers
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 8:33 AM
Subject: Public comment on proposed Broadcast Ownership Rules relaxation

Mr. Adelstein:

Hello We are writing in opposition to the proposed Broadcast Ownership Rules which would effectively relax the current rules which exist to prevent media monopolies in U.S. markets. We believe that the proposed rule changes are ill-advised and fear that they would give big media conglomerates the ability to dominate many local media sources and markets, including television and newspapers, and could effectively stifle independent voices and viewpoints.

Again, please do not relax the current rules and keep in place the broadcast ownership protections that have done a good job of encouraging vigorous political debate in America.

Thanks,

Eric and Jennifer Travers

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From: Erik Sell
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 8:48 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Mr Chairman and Commissioners,

As an american citizen I urge you to NOT relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect America from media monopolies

The proposed changes would allow media giants to dominate the television and radio airwaves and dictate what information does or does not reach the American public. This is a scary prospect as many of the media corporations lobbying for this change have a known track record of attempting to bar opposing views from the air waves.

The American public deserves to hear more than one point of view on important issues. Therefore, for the sake of our democracy and our freedom, I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protection that has fostered healthy political debate in this country for decades.

Sincerely,
Erik M. Sell
Beavercreek, OH 45430

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From: Ralph
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 8:54 AM
Subject: broadcast ownership rules

Dear Mr. Adelstein

I'm asking you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect the citizens from media monopolies.

The Proposed changes would give the giant media conglomerates near total control of radio, television news & information communities across our country. Many of the corporations that are currently lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record keeping opposing viewpoints off the air. We deserve more than one point of view. I urge you to continue the broadcast ownership protection that, for years have helped to ensure a healthy political debate in our country.

Sincerely,
Ralph A. Di Iorio

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Westfield, NJ 07090

From: Doug Sumner
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 9:22 AM
Subject: Broadcast ownership rules

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Sincerely,

Douglas K. Sumner
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From: Schmit Towing, Inc
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 9:49 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Mr. Adelstein,

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

Sincerely,
Steve Schmit
Owner
Schmit Towing

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From: Nefff@aol.com
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 10:03 AM
Subject: broadcast ownership

Dear Mr. Adelstein:

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Harrison Neff

Springfield, Missouri 65802-2350

From: Jeff Lind
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 10:07 AM
Subject: Broadcast ownership rules

Dear Mr. Adelstein,

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These proposed changes would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to gain near total control of radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. Many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoint off the air.

Control of the media by a government (USSR, China, N. Korea) is unacceptable so is control of the media by monopolies. I urge you **NOT** to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from these monopolies.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey R. Lind
Somerset, Wisconsin

From: David Shirey
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 10:08 AM
Subject: Do Not Relax Broadcast Ownership Rules

Dear Mr. Adelstein

I urge you not to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens from media monopolies.

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Sincerely,

David Shirey
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From: MMiller36@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 10 11 AM
Subject: Please do not relax rules

Chairman Powell, and Commissioners Abernathy, Copps, Martin and Adelstein:

I urge you, do not relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect us from media monopolies. The large media groups already are trying to influence what people do and think. Such as the inappropriate amount of coverage of the few people who demonstrated against the US involvement in the war. Except for a few, the media carried many spots of riots, which were probably staged, and one would have thought the majority of US people were apposed to the war. Bad reporting of the facts. I keep reminding myself that the networks are really about entertainment, not the reporting of factual news. Seems it is always biased with out the advantage of knowing they are pro or con to the issue.

The proposed changes to the rules would allow the giant media groups to gain much more control of all radio and TV news and information. These media groups already have done the people a disservice by promoting their agenda rather than allowing for truthful reporting and real dialog about issues.

It is very dangerous to our way of life and our type of government to restrict our sources of information to just one or two. Please keep the rules which restrict the ownership of the media by a few.

Thanks for your consideration of my viewpoint

Sincerely,

Merl E. Miller
Stillwater, OK 74074-2276

From: Daniela Gioseffi
To: @fcc.gov
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 10:14 AM
Subject: No further media conglomeration

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners of the FCC:

The air waves belong to the people and there has already been too much conglomeration into large media corporations. Further conglomeration is only a larger threat to democracy. STOP media conglomeration now!

Clean up the sado-masochism and woman trashing of disgusting programs like Gerry Springer and Howard Stern. WHY IS SUCH DISGUSTING NONSENSES ALLOWED TO PERSIST? THE CHARACTER OF OUR COUNTRY HAS BEEN PULLED INTO THE GUTTER BY SUCH POROGRAMMING. Put them off our public airwaves. Stop overuse of the airwaves by fundamentalist religion. We are not supposed to infringe on the separation of church and state with our public airwaves. Secular stations should be given preference, not fundamentalist ones. Over a third of the applications filed for an FCC license come from insanely fundamentalist religious right-wing bigots. STOP THIS MADNESS!

Why aren't these private enterprises made to pay rent to the American People who own the airwaves. Why are these corporate interests allowed to abuse our airwaves--for free-- with lies, political propaganda and debauchery, violence and decadence?

It has been proven that violence on television encourages violence in our culture. You are charged to protect the public airwaves, not give them away to violence, sado-maschism, fundamentalist religious bigotry, and debauchery, and worst of all political propaganda! How are you protecting our airwaves?

We are completely dismayed by the threat of even further conglomeration of the media. NBC, CBS, FOX, and ABC are propaganda machines which hold the American people hostage to lies. They have destroyed any semblance of democracy and insured that a plutocratic technocracy has taken control of our country. That plutocratic technocracy is destroying our people and our country. Be true patriots and stand against further media conglomeration. Please! For the love of democracy!

Dr. and Mrs. Lionel B. Luttinger, PhD, Yale University
and Professor Daniela Gioseffi, Professor of Communication Arts

From: Roberta Alderman
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, 'mccopps@fcc.com', 'kimweb@fcc.gov',
Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 10:21 AM
Subject: Broadcast Ownership Rules

Please do NOT relax the broadcast ownership rules. It would be placing too much power into a few hands (Sounds like Nazi Germany to me!) I thought this country was all about free speech, but relaxing these rules will do away with that freedom for many. And at this time I think FREEDOM is very much on all our minds.

Thanks,
Roberta Alderman
Covington, VA 24426

From: fraith
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 10:22 AM
Subject: Ownershiip Rules

Dear Commissioner Adelstein.

I am very much opposed to allow any increase in the number of radio or television stations one person or company can own. It will create pressure for greater cost and profit focus. The public airways need to provide for diversity of news coverage and expression of views. These changes will reduce local news coverage and local issue exposure. We need to create better coverage of politics and involvement in voting and government. This trend in larger ownership numbers will put too much control over what is on the public airways.

Sincerely,

Frank Raith
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Reedsville, WI 54230-9243

From: Dorothy Ariel
To: @fcc.gov
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 10:30 AM
Subject: Media Conglomeration Destroys Democracy. You know that!

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners of the FCC,

Please vote to deny further media conglomeration. Too few corporations already control the airwaves with too much power over the American mind. Democracy is totally destroyed by such propaganda instruments. "Something is rotten in the state of Denmark" so to speak when the National Broadcasting System is owned by General Electric, building of weapons of mass destruction. Such conflicts of interest destroy democracy and promote war mongering to the detriment of the American people who are the true owners of the public airwaves. Such huge media conglomerates with such OBVIOUS conflicts of interest should not be allowed in a democracy. DO NOT VOTE FOR EVEN FURTHER MEDIA CONGLOMERATION OR YOUR VOTE WILL LIVE IN INFAMY!

Far too many right-wing fundamentalist religious stations are applying for licenses in huge numbers and destroying the separation of church and state. Our public airwaves should be kept secular and not given away to one-sided religious bigots!

We are begging you to support greater democracy by opposing further media conglomeration and an over-balance of religious bigotry on the public airwaves.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Ariel, Ph.D. of Communications,
Montclair University & Princeton University

From: Wright, Jonathan C.
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 10:32 AM
Subject: save our airways from monopolies

Commissioner Adelstien;

Please do not allow the large broadcasters gobble up the smaller broadcasters, whether they be radio or Television. In the founding of the Constitution of the United States, Tom Jefferson stated that he feared monopolies, and feared that the government would in fact be over taken by global companies that show no allegiance to any particular nation and wanted to put provisions into the Constitution to prevent that from happening. I believe it was Hamilton that was dead set against that as he believed a healthy and strong commerce would strengthen the Nation.

I believe that we need to preserve the small stations in order to allow all sides of a controversy to be heard, regardless of political correctness or corporate greed dictates. Please preserve the common good, air, land, water, wildlife, and even the airways for the people, especially the little people!

Jonathan C. Wright
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Las Cruces, New Mexico 88007

505-526-7796

From: Paul J Perrone
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 10:37 AM
Subject: Request to not relax broadcast ownership rules

Honorable Jonathan Adelstein,

I'm writing you this brief e-mail to express my desire to see you NOT relax the broadcast ownership rules preventing media giants from monopolizing American broadcasts. As an information technology professional and businessman, I've seen first hand the problems involved with allowing monopolies to grow and fester. The worst tragedy that can befall humanity is limiting information which enables human knowledge and civility to advance. Allowing media monopolies to take hold will do just that. In the interest of American viewpoints to be heard and in the interest of human progress, please do not relax the broadcast ownership rules that help stop monopolies.

Thank you very much and thank you for your hard work!

Best regards,

Paul Perrone

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coming June 2003!

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From: KWRoach sr.
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 10:40 AM
Subject: broadcast ownership rules

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Sincerely,
Kenneth Roach
Clinton, Kentucky
42031-9212

From: _Newton
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 10:42 AM
Subject: FCC Rules, comments

Mr. Adelstein: I urge you to NOT relax the "Broadcast Ownership Rules". To do so will allow further monopolistic control by the big media and effectively stifle the voice of the opposition. We need to hear ALL sides. Thank you.

William P. Newton
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Mansfield, MO 65704

From: Diane Koenig
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 10:47 AM
Subject: DE-REGULATION

Broadcast media should not be deregulated. The havoc wrought upon radio by Clear Channel is unexpectedly offering ample proof of what can go wrong with media deregulation.

Artists have testified that they are "shackled by the anti-competitive practices of the conglomerates." It has been alleged that Clear Channel squeezes artists by threatening to curtail radio airplay if acts don't tour with Clear Channel's concert division. Clear Channel is currently being sued over that very allegation.

Local Clear Channel radio-sales reps, have been accused of wielding leverage drawn from an unprecedented stable of stations in his market, routinely bully agencies and clients. This type of bullying can be a disaster for small business or anybody smaller than Clear Channel. Clear Channel or any other company who owns many different types of media outlets can do whatever they want, including raising advertising rates. This would clearly favor big business and do away with competition in the market place.

Radio consolidation has contributed to a 34 percent decline in the number of owners, a 90 percent rise in the cost of advertising rates, [and] a rise in indecent broadcasts.

I don't want one or two big companies acting as gatekeepers and controlling my access to news and entertainment. The airwaves explicitly belong to us -- the American people. We allow media companies to use them in exchange for their assurance that they're serving the public interest, and it's the FCC's job to make sure that's so. The FCC should uphold its mission. Do not deregulate the media.

Diane Koenig
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From: Mike Hackner
To: Mike Powell, Mike Powell, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 7, 2003 10:48 AM
Subject: Relaxation of broadcast rules and regulations

Dear Commissioner,

It has come to my attention that the FCC has been asked to relax the broadcast ownership rules in favor of media monopolies who wish to have more freedom to own and control a broad range of media outlets. Although this may solve their corporate profit motives, I feel that this would be **ABSOLUTELY** contrary to the best interests of the public. As originally established and is yet still necessary, we need to have a radio and television media that is not controlled by a small group of individuals or corporations. Please do not let the public's interests be forgotten.

Michael Hackner
Plymouth, MN